



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: GEAR CHANGING DEVICE AND COMMUNICATION APPARATUS INCLUDING
THE SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 18, 2006 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of pending claims 1-17 is respectfully requested at least in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 10 and 17 are allowed and that claims 2-4, 7-9, and 11-16 are allowable (pages 10 and 11 of the Office Action). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 11-16, depend from allowed claim 10. Accordingly, claims 11-16 do not depend upon a rejected base claim, but instead, depend from an allowed claim and are, thus, allowed as indicated on the Office Action summary. Applicants also respectfully submit that the remaining claims are allowable for the reasons discussed below.

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,697,263 to Funahashi et al. (Funahashi). The rejection is respectfully traversed.